

MINUTES
SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCE BOARD
Wednesday, October 11, 2017
City Hall, Room 310
2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean Gerondale (Chairman), Ben Heiman, Kathy De Cremer, Renee Keehan

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Heidi Michel

ALSO PRESENT: Officer James Runge

The meeting was called to order by Dean Gerondale.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the September 13, 2017 Minutes of the Sex Offender Residency Board meeting

Motion made by R. Keehan to approve the September 13, 2017 Minutes, seconded by B. Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. APPEALS

- (a) Appeal of Christopher Jamroz requesting to move to 915 S. Chestnut Avenue, Unit A

Christopher appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Christopher of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Christopher was convicted of possession of child pornography in 2013. The victim was 15 years old. He served four years in prison with four years of extended supervision. He was also convicted of fourth degree sexual assault of a 28 year old victim.

Christopher stated that about six years ago, he downloaded child pornography off the internet. When the police arrested him for the fourth degree sexual assault, they confiscated his computers and found it. The victim was 15 years old and had been assaulted by her father. Her father put the pictures on the internet. Christopher did not know the victim, but he did know her age, as it was listed in the description.

Officer Runge reported this was a case out of De Pere. According to the criminal complaint, there were 139 images, five of which were child pornography. Christopher stated the five images were of the same child.

Christopher pled guilty to both crimes. While in prison he completed SO2 treatment. He learned a lot and stated going to prison was life changing for him. During treatment, he learned about the API model, which consists of awareness prediction and interventions. While in prison, he applied this model to everything he did. He also utilizes this model since being back out in the community.

Christopher was released from prison April 18, 2017. He stayed at the TLP for three months and is now living in a tent/camper on his father's property in Denmark. He started his own roofing business and is doing very well. He has done work for his landlord who has helped him find a place to live.

Christopher is currently in AODA treatment at the healthcare center. He has individual sessions once a week. He is on a waiting list for sex offender aftercare treatment. Because he is currently homeless, he is on GPS monitoring.

R. Keehan asked for an example of how he is currently utilizing the API model. Christopher explained how he handled a situation when he and his father got into an argument. His father later called Christopher and apologized. In the past, whenever Christopher got angry, he drank. Since being sober, using the API model when he gets angry has helped. Christopher was put on medications while in prison and he still takes them. He is doing well since being on these medications.

Christopher's parole officer does random UA's on him, as does the healthcare center and AODA. This is usually about once a month.

D. Gerondale asked Christopher why he thinks they should allow him to live in the City of Green Bay. Christopher stated he's lived in the area (De Pere) almost his whole life. He'd like to be a successful member of society again and deserves a second chance. Green Bay is a great place. He's a die-hard Packer fan.

Christopher works for himself in his roofing business and has three or four real estate agents as customers. Because he has a strict probation, he always runs the jobs through his probation officer before taking them. He's doing very well for himself and now just needs a place to live.

D. Gerondale asked Christopher if he is involved in any community organizations. Christopher stated that before he got incarcerated, he was a member of a Lutheran church which had a concession booth at the Packer stadium. He would like to volunteer there again.

Christopher would be living alone at this location. He no longer hangs around with his past group of friends. He has no intention of going back down that road.

R. Keehan asked Christopher to explain why he did what he did. He admits it was wrong to do and he knew he could get into a lot of trouble. He is very remorseful. He

wasn't looking at the pictures and thinking about the child and how it would impact her until after he took treatment. Reading victim impact statements made him realize how terrible it is for them, even years afterwards. He's not sure why he did it, but was probably attracted to the fact it was illegal and getting away with it.

D. Gerondale asked for a motion. None made. Discussion.

K. De Cremer feels the transition period from the TLP to be out on his own hasn't been long enough.

D. Gerondale feels Christopher's having a job and staying busy is extremely important. He is drug tested regularly which is important because alcohol was a big problem. He will be on paper four years and is on a waiting list for sex offender treatment aftercare.

Christopher stated he talks to his mom and step dad often.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Christopher Jamroz, address specific, for a period of 90 days (until 1-10-18) was made by R. Keehan, seconded by B. Heiman. Three in favor, one opposed (K. De Cremer). Motion carried.

When he returns in 90 days, Christopher should show he's been attending aftercare.

(b) Appeal of Russel Knaus requesting to move to 1182 Day Street, Apt. A

Russel appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Russel of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Russel appeared before the board in July and was approved at this location for a period of 90 days.

Russel completed his outpatient treatment and provided a certificate. His new parole officer is very supportive.

R. Keehan asked Russel if he is still getting a shot every month which curbs his alcohol addiction. Russel stated he never started the shots. R. Keehan pointed out he mentioned in July he would be getting the shots.

D. Gerondale asked Russel if he's volunteering for the Veteran's Society. Russel stated he still plans on doing so, but has had to wait since hurting his ankle and attending AODA.

Russel sees his parole officer once per week. He also goes to SOT once a week. He has been doing this for two years. Once a month he goes to Bellin for drug testing. Russel has a good team working with him. For once in his life, he's happy and content.

D. Gerondale asked Russel when he last had a drink. Russel stated it was three months and a day ago. He is taking it one day at a time and realizes he has to attend the meetings. He's proud of the certificate he's received.

A motion to approve the appeal of Russel Knaus, address specific, was made by K. De Cremer, seconded by R. Keehan. Two in favor, two opposed (D. Gerondale, B. Heiman). Motion failed.

Discussion. B. Heiman stated he voted "no" last time, and does not see a reason to change his vote at this time. D. Gerondale indicated Russel has come before the board three separate times, and each time he felt positively about how he was doing. He's attended AA multiple times and relapsed each time. Because of his relapsing, Dean has concerns about him possibly reoffending. It's too much of a pattern.

Russel stated he would like to come back in three months and show them.

D. Gerondale looked at past minutes and pointed out to B. Heiman that he actually did approve Russel for the 90 days. In 2016, Ben voted "no," but in July 2017 he approved him for 90 days.

D. Gerondale does not understand why Russel stated he would be getting a shot to curb his alcohol addiction, but hasn't done that. Russel stated it wasn't recommended, he just wanted to do that on his own.

K. De Cremer asked Russel what he does in his spare time. Russel stated he attends AA and works out. He now talks with his sons. If Russel has problems, he calls his brother.

D. Gerondale asked if anyone would like to make another motion. R. Keehan stated she would make a motion if it would change anyone's mind. B. Heiman and D. Gerondale stated they would not change their minds.

Russel Knaus is denied living on Day Street.

3. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date of November 8, 2017 was confirmed.

A motion to adjourn was made by B. Heiman, seconded by R. Keehan. All in favor. Motion carried.